(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) Looking into the transportation problem of the people of the NER, the Government has recently taken the following major steps:

(i) A total of 182 projects relating to roads and bridges, at an approved cost of Rs. 971.69 crore, have been sanctioned till 31.03.05 under the Scheme of Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources.

(ii) An outlay of Rs. 144.73 crore was approved for Transport & Communication Sector in Tenth Plan of North Eastern Council.

(iii) A special allocation of Rs. 450 crore has been made in Union Budget 2005-06 of the Department of Road Transport & Highways for the NER.

(iv) New Train services namely, 709/710 Guwahati-New Bongaigaon Passenger and 915/916 Furkating-Mariani passenger, have been introduced from 23/05/05 and 01/07/05 respectively.

(v) Extension of 4083/4084 Delhi-Jalpaiguri Mahananda Express to Alipurduar and 913/914 Marinand passenger to Jorhat has been done from July, 2005.

(vi) The frequency of 2423A/2424A and 2435A/2436A New Delhi-Guwahati-Dibrugarh Rajdhani Link Express have been increased from July, 2005.

(vii) Development works for A320/B737-800 type aircraft have been completed for Lilabari, Imphal, Agartala, Dimapur and Tejpur Airports. The works for upgradation of Dibrugarh airport and Silchar Defence airport have been awarded.

(viii) Air connectivity has improved substantially with the commissioning of 4 ATR aircrafts in the Region with financial support of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

Vision documents for development of NER

2672. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 'Vision Document' has been prepared by the NEC as an initiative for Integrated development of North Eastern Region;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the projects included in the above mentioned 'Vision Document' would be externally aided; and

(c) if so, the project-wise/State-wise details of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) No, Sir. However, an action plan has been prepared for formulation of a 'Vision Document' which would provide the road map for the region's development with a 15-year perspective.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

PSUs under one umbrella

2673. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring all Central PSUs under one single Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal.

Functioning of Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises

2674. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of meetings of BRPSE held since its establishment;

(b) the cases of how many PSUs have been considered by it so far, the details thereof;